

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to at least one application of a computer by an access protection system, comprising:

connecting to a Universal Serial Bus interface on the computer a transportable storage medium which electronically stores an individual identifier; and

enabling access to the at least one application only if the computer recognizes said individual identifier,

wherein the transportable storage medium is one of a flash memory or another non-volatile storage medium addressed using electrical contacts, and the Universal Serial Bus interface connects the transportable storage medium to one of a CPU, a monitor, a keyboard, and at least one peripheral device of the computer.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~access protection system~~ method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier is the serial number of the transportable storage medium.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~access-protection-system~~ method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier is stored in the computer.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~access-protection-system~~ method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier enables access to all applications in the computer.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~access-protection-system~~ method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said individual identifier enables access to at least one pre-designated application in the computer.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).